

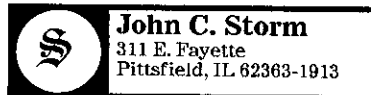


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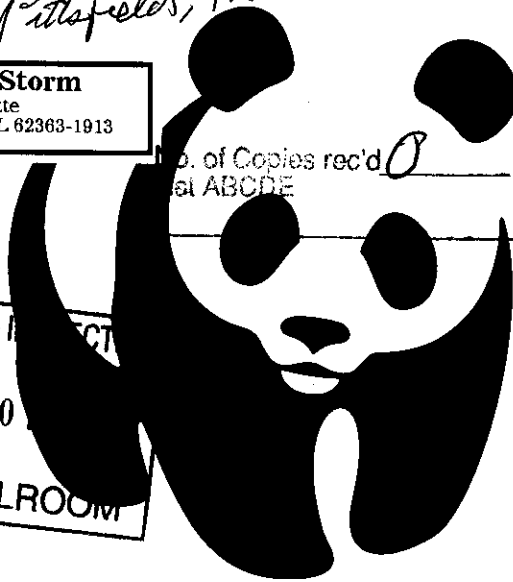
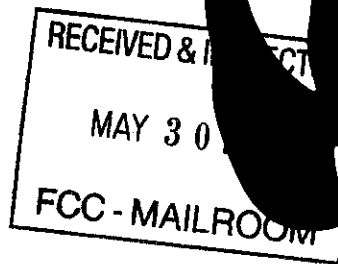
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encourage more owners,
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Sincerely,

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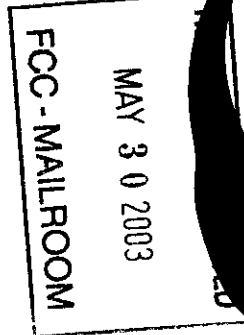
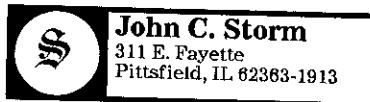
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the FCC rules should encourage
having more owners, not fewer
More points of view can be heard
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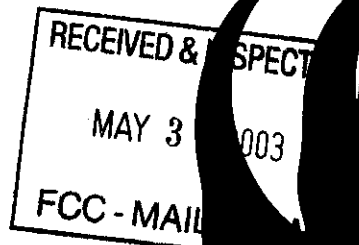
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Dear FCC board member,

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I am writing to this to all board members on behalf of the NRA and myself. Enclosed please find my NRA postcard that addresses the concerns of the NRA.

My personal feelings on this matter are as follows.

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I have long thought our Constitution to be an incredible document. It was Distribution Center thought that almost makes me believe the founders were more than just human. The human part is their failure to predict the appearance of massive media conglomerates and the threat they would present to the First Amendment.

I believe they thought information would be constantly a matter of small presses producing the very personal flow of verbal democracy. I wonder how they would feel about the almost strangling grip on information that is held by the giant media conglomerates of today. Especially, in light of the powerful inter-reaction between government and the people who report on it.

As a gun owner and active competitive pistol shooter, I have been witness to the shoddy reporting on the true facts of "gun violence". I can tell you that as a plain citizen with a computer and the ability to read I could counter with real facts almost any argument made by the anti-gun lobby. But paid journalists could not seem to find and report on the same data I could locate in a matter of minutes. I frequently saw "facts" that I knew from reading government sources were not correct. I will remind you that these "news stories" were the information many citizens were using to help them decide about a gun policy for this country. And that information was fraudulent.

How many other issues have we been misled on by the media conglomerates? Would you not agree this is poor stewardship of our First Amendment rights?

Can we expect this situation to improve if an even smaller group of people who believe they know what is best for this country control an ever-wider amount of the information spectrum?

At one time, and perhaps even now, Mr. Eisner controlled 40% of every thing we saw in news, entertainment, and educational outlets. At any moment he has the power to bombard America with his opinions cloaked within the power of these diverse elements. That is a situation that is too dangerous to allow to continue.

Here is something else to consider. When the FCC and President Clinton were considering offering wider broadcast spectrum for high bids there were several reports bringing the news of the government selling the public airwaves. But with the day of decision approaching in less than a month I have heard not one story about the possible consolidation of the power of a few major media outlets. If not for the NRA I bet most of us would have heard nothing even after this happened.

Please do everything you can to broaden the ownership of as many media outlets as possible to force competition and raise the quality of the information we receive. Please do not adopt any changes to the Broadcast Ownership Rules that would increase the power of these media conglomerates.

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Thank you,

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Cc: Congressman Ehlers
Senators Levin and Stabenow

I apologize, but there is an addendum to this. Tonight on Sunday 6pm news ABC/Disney, Mr. Eisner's corporation, ran a story about the anticipated rules changes. In this story they presented the changes as a crisis of lost local small radio stations, (which is true). Interestingly, there is no mention of their ever-stronger control over broadcast outlets that could come with these changes as well.

Given that radio is killing the TV people's strangle hold on opinion making I would say this report was incredibly self-serving and bias. Even more it is clear evidence that the media giants play too fast and loose with our precious freedom of speech.